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- 1. WITH REGARD MOHAMMAD NAIM'S AND DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH'S SCHEDULED VISIT TEHRAN EARLY MAY, WE SEE UTILITY IN FURTHERING OUR NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN BOTH AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN IF THE IRANIANS WERE TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH NAIM. EMBASSY TEHRAN MAY WISH INQUIRE OF APPROPRIATE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IF SUCH IS THEIR INTENTION WITH OBVIOUS SUGGESTION BEING, "IF NOT, WHY NOT."
- 2. OUR REASONING BASED UPON CONCLUSION THAT JOINT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AFGHANS AND IRANIANS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE USEFUL TO US AS WELL AS TO THEM AND THAT RECENT VISIT OF ECOSOC SUBCOMMISION ON NARCOTICS TO BOTH CAPITALS PROVIDES POSSIBLE BASIS ON WHICH TO PROJECT FURTHER ACTION. WE ARE ALSO MINDFUL OF IRANIAN VIEW AS EXPRESSED TO GENMISH THAT GOA BEGINNING TAKE ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS. THIS COULD BE USEFUL OPENING GAMBIT ON PART IRANIANS. TEHRAN DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHANS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SHOT IN ARM FOR GOA SINCE WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT DAOUD INTERESTED AND CONCERNED BY NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND THAT APPROACH THROUGH BROTHER NAIM COULD BE BENEFICIAL.

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